

Local Work Group development of local EQIP

Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- Water Quality and Quantity
- Forest Stewardship and Reforestation
- Declining Wildlife Habitat, Land Fragmentation
- Wind Erosion on land with low residue crops in the rotation
- Grazing Management Improvement

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

- Drinking Water Recharge Zones of cities in Hubbard County with Wellhead Protections Plans
 - Concerns: Water Quality and Quantity
- Sand Plain Regions of Hubbard County
 - Concerns: Water Quality and Quantity AND Wind Erosion
- Lake and River Impact Zones (Within 1000 ft of all lakes and within 500 ft of all rivers)
 - Water Quality and Quantity, Forest Stewardship and Reforestation, Declining Wildlife Habitat and Land Fragmentation AND Grazing Management Improvement

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

- Applications addressing Water Quality and Quantity Concerns
- Applications addressing Water Quality concerns with a Wellhead Protection Area
- Applications addressing Erosion Concerns
- Applications addressing Forest Stand Improvement and/or Establishment
- Applications addressing Declining Wildlife Habitat especially Thermal Cover Re-establishment
- Applications with Prescribed Grazing practices

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

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- Water Quality and Quantity: the application will install practices that will maintain or improve water quality and quantity in Hubbard County. **13 points**
 - Practices include: (351) Well Decommissioning, (442) Irrigation System, Sprinkler, (449) Irrigation Water Management, (590) Nutrient Management, (595) Pest Management, (328) Conservation Crop Rotation, (313) Waste Storage Facility, (360) Closure of Waste Impoundment.
- Water Quality: the applicant will install practices that will improve or maintain water quality in the Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA) of the cities of Hubbard County that have Wellhead Protection Plans with recharge areas delineated. **11 points**
- Wildlife Habitat Decline: the applicant will install practices that will improve wildlife habitat and land fragmentation in Hubbard County. **10 points**
 - Practices include: (643) Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats, (645) Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, (657) Wetland Restoration, (647) Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, (797) Invasive Plant Species Pest Managements or any practices that promotes pollinators.
- Forestry Management: the applicant will install practices that will improve reforestation in Hubbard County. **10 points**
 - Practices include: (612) Tree/Shrub Establishment, (666) Forest Stand Improvement, (490) Forest Site Preparation, (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, (391) Riparian Forest Buffer, (645) Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, (797) Invasive Plant Species Pest Management, and Landowners with Registered Stewardship Plans.
- Wind Erosion: the applicant will install practices to substantially reduce erosion in the Sand Plain Region of Hubbard County. **8 points**
 - Practices include: (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, (329) Residue Management – No Till and Strip Till, (345) Residue Management – Mulch Till, (346) Residue Management – Ridge Till.
- Grazing Systems: the applicant will install practices to implement a prescribed grazing system on their property. **7 points**
 - Practices include: (512) Pasture and Hayland Planting, (382) Fence, (516) Pipeline, (614) Watering Facility, (472) Access Control, (561) Heavy Use Area Protection, (528) Prescribed Grazing.
- All Concerns: the applicant will install practices to address a national priority concern with Hubbard County. **1 point**

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal between 35-60 points.

Look above at # 4.

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC (FO). After approval from the State Office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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11/3/2008

Chair, Local Work Group Date

Date

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(NOTE: the LWG meeting was held on 11/03/2008 at 2:35pm at the Ag Service Center Conference Room in Park Rapids.)